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SUBJ: CCMS: HAZARDOUS WASTES - PILOT STUDY MEETING IN BONN,
MAY 10-13, 1976

SUMMARY: PLENARY SESSION OF THE FRG-LED CCMS PILOT STUDY
ON HAZARDOUS WASTES WAS HELD IN BONN, FRG ON MAY 10-13, 1976
AT THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY. COUNTRIES
PARTICIPATING INCLUDED: FRG (PILOT), US(CO-PILOT), BELGIUM,
CANADA, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, AND UK. NORWAY, OECD, AND EC REPS
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WERE PRESENT AS OBSERVERS. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS
TO REPORT PROGRESS AND UPDATE THE STATUS ON THE SIX SUB-
PROJECTS COMPRISING THE PILOT ST. CURRENT PLANS CALL
FOR DRAFT SUB-PROJECT REPORTS BY JANUARY, 1977; COMMENTS

ON THE DRAFT REPORTS BY MEMBER COUNTRIES TO SUB-PROJECT LEADERS BY MARCH 31; FINAL REPORT REVISIONS AND POSSIBLE PILOT PROJECT MEETING IN MAY OR JUNE, 1977 TO DISCUSS THEM; FINAL REPORT TO CCMS PLENARY AT NATO BY FALL, 1977. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING WELCOMING REMARKS FROM THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, THE FRG PILOT STUDY DIRECTOR, DR. BERNDT WOLBECK, CONVENED THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE SIX SUB-PROJECTS.

A. THE LANDFILL SUB-PROJECT LED BY THE UK CONSISTS OF THE LANDFILL RESEARCH AND LANDFILL PRACTICE TOPICS. THE OUTLINES FOR BOTH TOPICS WERE ACCEPTED BY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. IT WAS AGREED THAT RESEARCH IN PROGRESS, BUT NOT COMPLETED, ALSO WOULD BE DESCRIBED IN THE SUB-PROJECT REPORT.

B. THE UNDERGROUND DISPOSAL SUB-PROJECT LED BY BELGIUM, IS TO DEAL WITH LIMITS AND CONSTRAINTS ON MINE DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTES. THE FRG PRESENTED A STATUS REPORT ON MINE DISPOSAL IN THE FRG; A CRITIQUE OF A PRIVATE REPORT SETTING CRITERIA FOR MINE DISPOSAL LED TO FURTHER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION BY THE SUB-PROJECT LEADER.

C. THE ORGANIZATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SUB-PROJECT, LED BY THE FRG, IS AN ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT. AN INTERIM REPORT WAS DELIVERED BY THE FRG AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION WAS REQUESTED.

D. THE RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR HAZARDOUS WASTES MANAGEMENT SUB-PROJECT, LED BY THE US, CONSISTS OF SIX TOPICS. DEFINITION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, WASTE SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS, AND LABELING ARE TOPICS ALREADY FULLY AGREED UPON FOR CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE SUB-PROJECT. DISCUSSION OF THE OUTLINES FOR SITE SELECTION CRITERIA, LONG TERM CARE, AND PERMIT PROCESSING (INCLUDING FACILITY SAFETY) TOPICS LED TO AGREEMENT DURING THE MEETING ON THE CONTENT OF THESE TOPIC OUTLINES, AND FURTHER INFORMATION WAS REQUESTED OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEFINITION OF HAZARDOUS WASTES TOPIC.

E. THE CHROMIUM RECYCLING SUB-PROJECT, LED BY FRANCE, IS INTENDED TO DESCRIBE THE CHROMIUM CYCLE IN THE ECONOMY, INCLUDING DISPOSAL. A RECENT FRENCH STUDY WAS PRESENTED ON THIS SUBJECT.

F. THE TRANSPORTATION SUB-PROJECT, LED BY THE US, REPORTED ON MEETINGS HELD CONCURRENTLY MAY 10-11 WITH THE MAY 10-13 PILOT STUDY MEETING, TO DISCUSS TRANSPORT ASPECTS OF HAZARDOUS WASTES MANAGEMENT. FURTHER INFORMATION NEEDS WERE SUGGESTED BY THE SUB-PROJECT LEADER (US/DOT/BURNS) TO THE PILOT STUDY LEADER (FRG/SOLBECK) IN ORDER FOR THE TRANSPORT SUB-PROJECT TO PROCEED. AS A FIRST STEP, US-EPA (LEHMAN) WILL REVIEW RECENTLY PUBLISHED EPA LIST OF SOME 400 COMPOUNDS DEEMED

ENVIRONMENTALLY DANGEROUS IN ORDER THAT, IN CONSULTATION WITH TRANSPORTATION SUB-PROJECT GROUP, THOSE SUBSTANCES ALREADY COVERED BY UN LIST OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES COULD BE SCREENED OUT; BALANCE WOULD BE SEPARATED INTO GREATER OR LESSER ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS CATEGORIES WITH A VIEW TO TRANSPORTATION GROUP'S DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO TRANSPORT OF THAT GROUP OF SUBSTANCES OF MOST SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN.

2. AT MEETING'S CONCLUSION, DR. WOLBECK NOTED THAT ALL SUB-PROJECT LEADERS WOULD AIM AT HAVING THEIR RESPECTIVE DRAFT FINAL PROJECT REPORTS READY BY THE END OF 1976. THE CONSOLIDATED DRAFT OVERALL FINAL PILOT STUDY REPORT, WITH CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, COULD THEN BE DRAWN UP FOR CONSIDERATION AT A FINAL PILOT STUDY MEETING NEXT SPRING, TO BE PRESENTED TO CCMS FOR APPROVAL AT THE FALL 1977 PLENARY.

3. THE FINAL DAY OF THE MEETING CONSISTED OF A FIELD TRIP TO DUISBERG, FRG, TO VISIT DUISBURGER KUPFERKUTTE TO VIEW METAL RECOVERY PROCESSES FROM SOLID AND LIQUID WASTES AND PILOT SCALE LANDFILL EXPERIMENTS. IN ADDITION, DELEGATES TO BONN MEETING WERE GREETED AT MAY 10 EVENING RECEPTION GIVEN FOR THEM BY FRG MINISTRY OF INTERIOR STATE SECRETARY (AND LEADER OF FRG DEL TO CCMS PLENARIES), DR. GUNTER HARTKOPF, WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM. STRAUSSZ-HUPE
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